



SHARING THE PEACE

A Newsletter from Peace Church Presbyterian

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Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the word of God, to become fully devoted to God.

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Good Provider?

Most of us at Peace Church grew up in an era in which it was believed that men needed to be good providers for their families above almost all else. If a couple fell in love and considered marriage, the woman was often asked if the man she loved would be a good provider. Often men in ages past have felt the pressure to be the sole provider for their families, as women were not expected to work outside the home. In my family, that was the original expectations when my parents married in 1970. My dad would be the bread winner and my mom would stay home and raise my sister and I. Well, that plan didn't exactly work out as my parents got divorced in about 1981. My mom soon had to become a provider in my family, as well. Many of you may have similar stories.

Then men in my family have been good providers, traditionally, but many of the women have been great providers, as well. My grandfather on my mom's side was a surgeon at Hermann Hospital, so he was a great provider for his family. My grandfather on my dad's side was an inventor, so his income was more sporadic. He might have been the best provider in the family, but he lost the patent on a crucial "C" valve used on almost all gas pumps, so the family story goes. I have tried to be the

best provider I could be for my family, but so has Carrie. Nowadays it's much more difficult for one parent in a family to be the sole provider of all the income a family needs. Most families include two working parents because of the high cost of essentials compared to ages past.



No matter how hard a mother and a father my work to provide for their family, God will always be the ultimate provider. Everything that we have comes from God. As Psalm 24 reminds us, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." This means even all that we earn to provide for our families ultimately belongs to God. And God is happy to provide for all our needs. He gave us a planet that was just the right size, just the right distance from the Sun, that contains just the right elements for life, with just the right moon rotating in just the right way, and a giant planet called Jupiter in just the right spot to collect most of the asteroids that could hit the earth and cause mass extinctions. God has so fine-tuned the universe that we are able to live on a planet that flourishes with life and abundance. Sometimes

we forget how good we actually have it because of what God has generously provided for us.

Folks in the Bible were less likely to forget the abundance that comes from the Lord as they were more in touch with the earth and the immediate needs of life. We have insulated ourselves in many ways, and our technical advances can trick us into believing we are the best providers of our needs, rather than God. When that happens, we put ourselves in the place of God. We dishonor God and take him for granted when we do this.

Over the next several weeks, we will be examining just how God does provide for us in our "Prayers of Provision" sermon series. We'll look at passages of scripture that remind us of how God's people have prayed when they were in need and how God has answered those prayers. Hopefully we will become more aware of just how much we need the Lord on a daily basis and become more grateful for his provision of our daily needs. Begin praying now for God to open your eyes to his abundant blessings of many kinds that are around us every day and let him shift your perspective from grumbling about what you don't have to praising him for what you DO have!

In Christ,
Scott Cummings, Pastor

Thurs May 1	6 pm Nation Day of Prayer Independence Park at the basketball courts
Sun May 4	12: 00 PM Church Picnic
Mon. May 5	7pm Outreach & Mission Team Meeting On zoom
Wed. May 7	7 pm Wednesday Night Small Groups at Big Horn BBQ or at Linda Cook's House
Sun. May 11	<u>Mother's Day</u> <u>Compassion Sunday</u>
Tues, May 13	7:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting on Zoom
Wed May 14	7 pm Wednesday Night Small Groups at Big Horn BBQ or at Linda Cook's House
Thurs. May 15	7:00 pm Stewardship team meeting on zoom
Sun. May 18	<u>Grad Sunday Celebration!</u> 12:30pm Session Meeting
Wed. May 21	7 pm Wednesday Night Small Groups at Big Horn BBQ or at Linda Cook's House
Mon. May 26	Memorial Day
Wed. May 28	7 pm Wednesday Night Small Groups at Big Horn BBQ or at Linda Cook's House

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Scholarship Deadline coming May 1st!

The Scholarship awards funds to eligible individuals (youth & adult) seeking academic or spiritual education (seminars, retreats, etc.). The deadline to apply for academic scholarships is **Thursday, May 1st**. More information and details can be found at **www.peacepres.net/scholarship** or contact the church office. Paper forms are available for pick up at the church or online on the website and can be emailed to officer_manager@peacepres.net.

NEW MISSION STATEMENT: Inviting ALL to flourish in the family of God, by inspiring them with the word of God, to become fully devoted to God.

Tagline: Welcome to the family!

Values:

Inclusion: We include ALL because Christ included ALL of us when we didn't deserve it.

People: People missing from God's family matter to us because they matter to God.

Transformation: God loves us as we are but loves us too much to leave us as we are.

Inspiration: The Spirit empowers us to live out our mission in and outside the church.

Devotion: We're fully committed to Christ because he's fully committed to us.

Worship Team's meeting is **TBD** .

Next Sermon Series: Prayers for Provision Praying for God to provide for us is perhaps the most common way we pray. We often ask God to provide us with health, healing, a new job, safety for our family, or for someone else. We request God to provide protection for us in danger, or to provide a change of heart for someone to mend a relationship. Does God always answer those prayers the way we want him to? Or is it more complicated than that? There are many examples in scripture of God providing for his people in different ways and we'll explore many in this series that starts on Easter Sunday, April 20th, as we celebrate the BEST way thing God provided for us, salvation! This series will run from **April 20th—May 25th**. Join us and invite friends!



National Day of Prayer Meeting: Join with Christians from across Pearland on **Thursday, May 1st at 8^{pm}** at Independence Park in the pavilion to pray for our city and our nation!

GRAD SUNDAY!

Sunday, May 18th, 10 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate these
AMAZING graduates in worship!
We'll also have a cake reception
after worship that day,
so don't miss it!!



Graduation Sunday Coming May

18th! Join us as we celebrate Jessica Ingram and Noah Trevino as they graduate high school! We will have a special slideshow to celebrate how far they have come, time of prayer, and a cake reception on **Sunday, May 18th**, starting with worship at **10am**. Join us and help us show these two how LOVED they are by their church family!

Session Meeting—**Sunday, May 18th, 12:30 p.m.**

Care Team's meeting will be in June - Date TBD.

Congregational Care: Peace Church Care Team members strive to keep in touch with you. If there are needs, blessings, or prayer needs, you can let your Care Team Captain know. She will pass this information on to Pastor Scott Cummings. In Christ, Vicki Evans, Team Leader for Care Team

SPRING College Care Package Update: Thanks to all who contributed with donations and all who helped to pack up the college care packages. Kay Kelly volunteered to ship them off, and several of the students have already happily reported the arrival—just in time for finals preparation! Thanks again for thinking of our older students!

Discipleship Team's meeting is **7:00 PM Tuesday, May 13** on zoom

PeaceKids & PeaceYouth Sunday School: Children (PreK—4th grade) and youth (5th—12th grade) classes meet in-person at the church at **11:15am!** We'd love to have your kids join us!

App Sunday School Class Curriculum: The Reason For God. This class is using a video series by Timothy Keller called, "The Reason for God." This six-session small group Bible study captures live and unscripted conversations between Tim Keller and a group of people to address their doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, and Scripture, Keller and the group explore the truth of Christianity. This group meets in the Grappling Zone lobby at **11:15 am on Sundays.** Join us and invite a friend!

Adult Acts Class: The Adult Acts class is studying the book "Refresh Your Prayers: Uncommon Devotions to Restore Power and Praise" by Lori Hatcher. Book is available on Amazon or other book retailers. All are welcome to join the class. Vicki Evans is the leader of this class. **Adult Acts Class** meets every **Sunday at 11:15am** in the back room at the church.

Vacation Bible School Coming Soon! Mark your calendar and plan to help out with "Yeehaw Vacation Bible School 2025"! Our dates this year are **July 25th—27th** (Friday & Saturday evenings, Sunday morning). We will need LOTS of volunteers, so look for the sign up sheet to be posted soon! And if you have any cowboy or Texas themed decorations, please let Pastor Scott know if we can borrow them!



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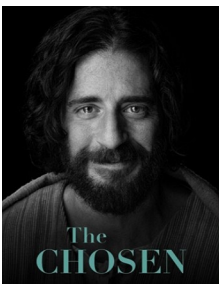
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WEEKDAY SMALL GROUP

WEDNESDAYS, 7 P.M.

LINDA COOK'S HOUSE!

WE'LL WATCH AN EPISODE AND DO A BIBLE STUDY ON IT! JOIN US!



Weekday Small Groups!! Joins us for one of our small groups on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.!** There are two options. Rick and Sherry Conrad are leading a group discussing season 3 of The Chosen TV series about the disciples at Linda Cook's house (**707 Maple Lane**). Pastor Scott is hosting a Big Questions Discussion Group on **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** at Bighorn BBQ. No question is off limits! Join one of these groups THIS week!

Peace Youth Group Meetings: This , **Sunday, May 4th, 5-7 p.m.**, the youth will distribute the homeless care packages they have packed. Please let Pastor Scott know if your youth can come. Thanks! The following **Sunday, May 11th**, there will be no youth group meeting because of Mother's Day. **Sunday, May 18th, from 5-7 p.m.**, the youth will have their mission trip training meeting. Youth who aren't attending the trip are still encouraged to come that night!

Outreach & Mission's Joint Team will meet **Monday, May 5th at 7pm** on Zoom

Church Picnic Planned! Mark your calendar now for our FUN Church Picnic planned for **Sunday, May 4th, 12pm**. We'll have a great lunch of burgers and hot dogs at Southwyck Lake Park (2635 Shelby Drive at Northfork). Bring outdoor games to play, and a lawn chair, if you like! Please sign up on the sign up sheet to bring sides, chips, cookies, desserts, or drinks. Thanks!



C o m p a s s i o n

Sunday—May 11th: Peace Church members have been actively supporting children around the world thru Compassion International for years. Please join us in this celebration of Compassion and our Compassion Children. If you are currently sponsoring a child through Compassion, please bring pictures and letters from your sponsored child (or children) to share with the congregation and visitors on

Compassion Sunday.

Summer Food Challenge Planned! Join us again this summer as we try and help keep the shelves at Christian Helping Hands Food Bank stocked in June, July, & August!

12th Annual Susan Jenkins Memorial Peace for Pearland Golf Tournament planned! Mark your calendars now for this great annual outreach, mission, and stewardship event! The tournament will be on **Friday, October 3rd, 9 a.m.** start at the Pearland Golf Club at Country Place. Please be ready to help volunteer to recruit sponsors, item donors, and golfers!

Stewardship Team's meeting will be **Thursday, May 15th at 7:00pm** on Zoom.

Ways to Give! You can give IN-PERSON, ONLINE OR BY MAIL! Visit www.peacepres.net/giving or send your check to **"Peace Church, 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503, Pearland, TX 77584"**.

Office Administrator Tasks Request: Volunteers are urgently needed. Training will be provided. Contact Pastor Scott and read his cover newsletter article for more details.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION ??

- Update and manage social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter [Daily]
- Update and manage the church website [Ongoing]
- Create, print, and maintain stock of prayer cards, visitor cards, attendance sheets, guest gifts and other materials [As Needed]
- Produce flyer, postcards, audio/visual graphics for sermon series, events, classes, etc. [As Needed]
- Create various electronic and physical projects as needed [As Needed]

ADMINISTRATIVE LIASION TO PASTOR, MINISTRY TEAMS, SESSION & CONGREGATION

- Assist in preparing materials for ministry or community events [As Needed]

Easter Egg Hunt at St. Andrew's April 2025



Peace Church Care Groups

Below is a list of Care Team Leaders with their Care Groups. Please check the list for your name. You can visit with this person at worship, text, or email this person if you have concerns and want support or have someone pray with you. This Care Group Leader will notify Pastor Scott of these concerns. The Team Leader coordinating this Team is Linda Spears Bell.

Anita Flis

Gracia Beaty
Matt & Laura Caudill & Orrin
Eric DiMarzio
Alex & Vicki Evans
Sheila Marshall
Jim, Grace, Suzy & Lily Newsom
Ron, Anita, Andrew & Sarah Phipps

Linda Spears Bell

Jason & Jody Cole
Chris & Marlene Cummings
Arthur & Ruth Fairchild
Ruben, Stacey, Katherine & Roman Perez
Mary Wilmarth
Steve, Ratna, Darren & Dean Zach

Laura Caudill

Roland & Marcia Falgoust
Woody & Brenda Hale
Mark, Monica, Michael & Jessica Ingram
Alex, Ndina & Noah Trevino
Edmund Trevino

Sherry Conrad

Lynn & Linda Spears Bell
Linda Cook
Cathryn Cummings
Scott, Carrie, Jake, Ben & Caroline Cummings
.Shantelle & Anna Jones
Aimee Kulp

Phyllis Herrington

Ruth Ahlemeyer
Caroline Brooks
Joe & Dawn Carpenter
Gary & B. Galyas
Dev, Zeandra, Raissa & Marc Mathura
Carol Pritchett
John Weaver

Vicki Evans

Fred & Anita Flis
Jan Henry
Perry & Phyllis Herrington
Blake, Melody, Chris & Brandon Murrhee
Nancy Sawyer
David & Colleen Wilson

Linda Cook

Rick & Sherry Conrad
Kay Kelly
Tommy & Cheryl Lollar
Arthur & Ruth Fairchild
Trudi Peterson
Bonnie Williams

Current Undergraduate College Students:

Ben Cummings, Chris Murrhee, & Sarah Phipps

Graduates

Jake Cummings Michael Ingram, Raissa Mathura, Marc Mathura, Suzy Newsom, Lily Newsom
Andrew Phipps, Shauna Smith, Darren Zach & Dean Zach

Bible Word Finds: #69 - Mary Magdalene

Explore the world of the Bible as you search through the diagram for all the words that appear in all CAPITAL LETTERS in the word lists. For each line in the word list, all CAPITAL WORDS will be found together. All the quotations in the Bible Word Finds are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

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of THE INNER
CIRCLE OF
THE FOLLOWERS
of JESUS.
SHE IS
MENTIONED
SPARINGLY,
BUT AT
CRUCIAL
POINTS
IN ALL
FOUR
GOSPELS
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WAITING
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Q: How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?
A: Lots of eggs-ercise.

Q: Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a good joke?
A: It might crack up.



ANNIVERSARIES

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, we're sorry! Please call the church office so we can update our records!

BIRTHDAYS


May 3- Mary Wilmarth
May 5 - Dean Zack
May 14 - Darren Zack
Orrin Caudill
May 15 - Ndina Trevino
May 17- Alex Evans -

Riddle: If eleven plus two equals one, what does nine plus five equal? Answer on Page 9



Communion Server Schedule

Date	10am Service
5-4-25	Chris Cummings and Stacy Perez

 **CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!** Do you know what is the most powerful ***FREE*** advertising tool our Church has? It's Facebook! Search for our church organization, Peace Church Pearland or visit www.facebook.com/peacechurchpearland! Be sure to click the "Like" button for updates!

Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Rick Conrad	Chris Cummings	Sheila Marshall
Jim Newsom	Linda Spears Bell	David Wilson

Active Membership Roll

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| Ahlemeyer, Ruth | Henry, Jan | Perez, Ruben & Stacey, |
| Beaty, Gracia | Herrington, Perry & Phyllis | Katherine, Roman |
| Bell, Lynn & Linda | Ingram, Mark & Monica, Michael, | Phipps, Ron & Anita, Andrew, |
| Carpenter, Joe & Dawn | Jessica | Sarah |
| Caudill, Matt & Laura, Orrin | Jackson, Rynn | Pritchett, Carol |
| Conrad, Rick & Sherry | Jones, Shantelle & Anna | Simpson, Lynda |
| Cook, Linda | Kulp, Aimee | Trevino, Alex & Ndina, Noah |
| Cummings, Carrie, Jake & Ben | Lollar, Tommy & Cheryl | Trevino, Edmund |
| Cummings, Cathryn | Marshall, Sheila | Weaver, John |
| Cummings, Chris & Marlene | Mathura, Dev & Zeandra, Raissa, | Williams, Bonnie |
| Evans, Alex & Vicki | Marc | Wilmarth, Mary |
| Fairchild, Arthur & Ruth | Murrhee, Blake & Melody | Wilson, David & Colleen |
| Falgoust, Marcia | Newsom, Jim & Grace, Suzy, Lily | Zach, Steve & Ratna, Darren, |
| Flis, Frederic & Anita | | Dean |

Answer to riddle on Page 8: **11 o'clock plus 2 hours = 1 o'clock 9 o'clock plus 5 hours = 2 o'clock**

Contacts and Ministries

MINISTRY TEAMS - Check out our ministry teams and see if you would like to pitch in!

Worship Team: Responsible for everything that goes on in worship, the music, the video and sound projection, the greeters and ushers, preparing the elements for communion, folding bulletins, choirs, drama, banners, flowers. They also sponsor occasional concerts throughout the year. Rick Conrad are the elder for this team.

Discipleship Team: Responsible for making disciples of Jesus Christ and equipping disciples through Bible Studies, Sunday morning classes for all ages, small groups, PeaceYouth fellowship and PeaceKids activities. David Wilson is the elder for this team.

Stewardship Team: Responsible for using the resources God has given us to grow our church and God's kingdom. This team is responsible for setting our annual budget, Long Range Planning, annual Stewardship Campaign, supervising our Information Technology, Personnel, Property issues and of course....paying bills. Jim Newsom & Chris Cummings is the elders for this team.

Outreach & Mission Team: Responsible for membership interaction with the community and community interaction with membership. Includes servant opportunities, visibility of the church in the community (advertising, walks), seeks ways to bless the immediate Pearland community and encourages individual blessings by members/friends in their work places, recreation spaces, and homes. Charged with blessing people in need. Projects include but are not limited to Christian Helping Hands Projects, Blood Drives, Compassion Intl., etc. Sheila Marshall is the elder for this team.

Care Team: Responsible for overseeing care groups and pastoral care needs of the church. Linda Spears Bell is the Team Leader for this team.

Peace Presbyterian Contacts and Services

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Bookkeeper Michelle Hurt office_manager@peacepres.net

Worship: 10am Sunday Morning Service
Worship Streamed on Facebook
Sunday School Classes in-person at 11:15am

Phone: 713-436-5673

Website: www.peacepres.net
www.facebook.com/PeaceChurchPearland

Peace Church Session Contacts

Clerk of Session

Jim Newsom 713-416-1932

Stewardship

Jim Newsom 713-416-1932
Chris Cummings 832-431-6183

Discipleship

David Wilson 713-582-3237

Worship

Rick Conrad 409-331-5143

Outreach & Mission

Sheila Marshall 713-724-9477

Care Team Leader

Linda Bell 512-656-8653

**Church & Office Address: 2849 Miller Ranch Rd. #503,
Pearland, TX 77584**

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am-1pm By
Appointment Only**

May Prayer Calendar

On this page below, you'll find a Prayer Calendar. Put it where you'll see it and take a few minutes each day to pray for the people listed on that day. At the end of the month, you will have prayed for the entire congregation at Peace, and they will have prayed for you, too! [How do I use this calendar?](#) Look at the date you want to start. Active Peace members are listed each day, but please pray for our inactive members and frequent guests and you can also add your own family members and friends. You can determine how much time you want to pray, or you can pray several times during the day. It's between you and the Lord. You will be blessed for your time and attention to the prayer concerns! Submit your prayer requests by phone or email to the church office or to Pastor Scott or on Sundays using the green "Prayers and Praises" cards during worship. All prayers and praises submitted are included in the bulletin insert and Weekly Update email message.

25Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Body of Believers	Teachers & Students	Military, Law Enforcement & Firefighters	Our Country, Government & World Leaders	Church Leaders & Missionaries	Extended Family	Neighbors
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				Carol Pritchett Marcia Falgoust	Alex Trevino Ndina Trevino Noah Trevino	David Wilson Colleen Wilson
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Peace Church ECO	Blake Murrhee Melody Murrhee Brandon Murrhee Chris Murrhee	Sheila Marshall John Weaver	Ron Phipps Anita Phipps Andrew Phipps Sarah Phipps	Dev Mathura Zeandra Mathura Raissa Mathura Marc Mathura	Arthur Fairchild Ruth Fairchild Aimee Kulp	Mark Ingram Monica Ingram Michael Ingram Jessica Ingram
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Peace Church ECO	Chris Cummings Marlene Cummings	Steve Zach Ratna Zach Darren Zach Dean Zach	Gracia Beaty Ruth Ahlemeyer Caroline Brooks	Pastor Scott Cummings Carrie Cummings Jake Cummings Ben Cummings Caroline Cummings	Matt Caudill Laura Caudill Orrin Caudill	Alex Evans Vicki Evans
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Peace Church ECO	Edmund Trevino Cathryn Cummings	Joe Carpenter Dawn Carpenter Frederic Flis Anita Flis	Linda Cook Bonnie Williams	Perry Herrington Phyllis Herrington	Jan Henry Shantelle Jones Anna Jones	Lynda Simpson Mary Wilmarth Woody Hale Benda Hale
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Peace Church ECO	Lynn Bell Lynda Spears Bell	Ruben Perez Stacey Perez Katherine Perez Roman Perez	Sherry Conrad Rick Conrad	Tommy Lollar Cheryl Lollar	Jim Newsom Grace Newsom Suzy Newsom Lily Newsom	